

National Council of Churches (NCC)

- **Goals:** Launch a comprehensive, national faith-based initiative against poverty in America, involving NCC's 36 member denominations, faith-based parachurch partner organizations, regional ecumenical and interfaith organizations, and local congregations.
 - Initiate and nurture the creation of a 21st-century forum/organization/ movement, which will enlarge the scope of "the ecumenical family" of Christians in America. It would ideally include participation by not only the current members of the National Council of Churches (36 Protestant, Orthodox, African-American and "peace" denominations) but also other such faith communions as Roman Catholics, Salvation Army, Mennonites, Seventh-Day Adventists, and major evangelical groups, plus parachurch / faith-based ministry organizations and regional ecumenical associations.
 - Enlarge and enrich the level and scope of relationships and dialogue among the major faiths in American society, building upon the program of interfaith relations of the National Council of Churches and its member denominations.
- **Chapters, affiliates, members:** The NCC is a cooperative association of 36 national Protestant and Orthodox denominations, who together have 140,000 local congregations in all 50 states, and a combined membership of 50 million persons. A full listing of these denominations and their websites can be found at <http://www.nccusa.org/members/>
 - NCC also relates to dozens of local and regional councils of churches and local interfaith associations, who relate in a variety of ways to local congregations. A list of the larger councils and their websites may be found at <http://www.nccusa.org/ecmin/councils-links.html>
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- **Organization's culture:** As a cooperative alliance of a diverse group of denominations the cultural style and emphases, social and economic ranges, and ethnic distinctive are broad and varied. NCC can usually tailor a local partnership that makes the most of these cultural assets, and help bridge any gaps in representation in projects organized by a station. Also, because we help foster dialogue between this broad segment of American faith groups with and other world faiths, we can often provide an interfaith connection for a station as well. We are also well connected and can help you quickly find the right contact persons in many faith groups, especially as resource for productions and discussions. In addition, our national offices have staff experts in such fields as public policy, poverty, environment, etc., who could participate in a production if appropriate.
- **Resources provided:** staff, site/facilities, expertise
- **Collaboration with local public television stations:** We have had a number of local and national collaborative experiences, including promotion (Jim Crow, NOW with Moyers, etc), programming (Idaho Public TV in a town hall "By the People"), research (Austin project on Bastrop experience), etc.
- **Engagement program areas of interest:** Young children, health, teens, public affairs, science/environment, arts and culture, rural, diversity, elderly, history